

REMARKS

The above amendments and these remarks are responsive to the Office action dated September 24, 2003. In the Office action, the Examiner objected to claims 6-28, 30-34 and 48-61 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that those claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all base and intervening limitations.

Claim 6 therefore has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of independent claim 1 and intervening dependent claim 2. Claims 3, 35 and 37 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 6. With entry of these amendments, claims 3-5, 7-28 and 30-38 all depend from allowable claim 6, either directly or through intervening dependent claims. Accordingly, claims 3-28 and 30-38 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 48 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of independent claim 44. Claims 45, 64 and 65 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 48. With entry of the above amendments, claims 45-47, 49-61 and 64-65 all depend from allowable claim 48, either directly or through intervening dependent claims. Accordingly, claims 45-61 and 64-65 are in condition for allowance.

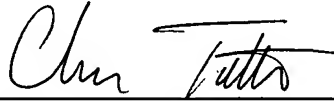
Claims 1-2, 39-44, and 66-68 have been cancelled without prejudice from the application, and the rejections of those claims are therefore moot. Claims 29, 62 and 63 are withdrawn from consideration.

Applicant believes that this application is now in condition for allowance, in view of the above amendments and remarks. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowability covering the pending claims. If the

Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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